

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- Harrington

Harrington— The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last evening.

The crash occurred on March 4, 2020 at approximately 7:35 p.m., when a gray 2014 Buick Regal was traveling eastbound on Vernon Road (SR 14), approaching the intersection of Prospect Church Road. The operator of the Regal was traveling at a high rate of speed and unable to properly negotiate the curve in the roadway. The operator lost control of the Regal and began to rotate counter-clockwise. A 2014 white Honda Odyssey was traveling westbound on Vernon Road approaching the intersection of Prospect Church Road. The operator of the Odyssey was unable to avoid the approaching, out of control Regal. The Regal struck the Odyssey within the westbound travel lane.

Following the initial impact, the Regal continued in a northeast direction, overturning onto its roof, and ejecting the operator from the vehicle. The Regal continued to slide on its roof before striking a telephone pole and coming to rest.

The operator of the Regal, 37-year-old **Charles E. Garland Jr.**, of Felton, DE was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The operator of the Odyssey, a 36-year-old female from Denton, MD, was properly restrained. She was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries. A 7-year-old child was a rear seat passenger who was properly restrained and transported to the A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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